

2025 11U/13U Australian Teams Championship

PACIFIC OCEANIA TEAM

Tournament Dates: June 18th – 23rd

Country: Australia

Venue: KDV Sport – 221 Nerang Broadbeach Road, Carrara QLD 4211

Travel (Departure)

June 13 - Friday

Departed Guam Airport for Brisbane, Australia with Faith and Camelo on June 13th. We had a 16-hour layover at Manila where we booked an Airbnb to rest. We walked to a nearby mall for lunch and dinner, then headed back to the airport at 8:00 PM.

June 14 - Saturday

We departed from Manila at 12:05 AM and arrived in Brisbane at 9:55 AM. We waited for Coach Matina, Coach Marvin with 4 other players, and Alex from Fiji. Ryan was scheduled to arrive at 11:00 AM, but his flight was cancelled and arrived at 1:40 PM instead. As soon as Ryan arrived, we all went to take the train to Gold Coast. The track from Banoon Station to Nerang station was closed, so we had to take a bus to Nerang station. We took another bus to Ashmore and walked from the bus stop to Ashmore Palms. We arrived around 6:15 PM. We had everyone settled in, then we went for dinner at a nearby Chinese restaurant. We went to the grocery store to get some essentials and breakfast before heading back to the accommodation.



Event

June 15 - Sunday

The team departed from the hotel to the courts for the 9:00 AM practice. Coach Matina and I picked up the rental car at 7:45 AM. The girls participated in a camp led by PO women coaches. Coach Lorraine, Coach Dorrine, and Coach Matina had a workshop session while Coach Marvin and I took the team for lunch at a Thai restaurant near the hotel. We rested at the hotel for about 45 minutes and went back to the courts for afternoon practice at 2:00 PM. I left the venue at 3:00 PM to pick up Marius from the airport. He arrived at 6:00 PM. We took the con-x-ion (airport transfer service) back to the hotel and arrived at 8:15 PM.



June 16 - Monday

We divided the team into two groups. The first group departed to courts at 8:50 AM and the 2nd group at 9:10 AM. The practice started at 9:30 AM. We met Coach Emily Burns who led the Girls camp. The team had lunch at the venue then had afternoon practice until 3:30 PM. The camp ended and the team headed back to the hotel. We had pizza and pasta for dinner and went to the grocery store afterwards to buy essentials and dinner items for the next evening.



June 17 – Tuesday

Team practice started at 9:00 AM then we had a media session. We had lunch at the venue and then went back to the hotel. Coaches had the coaches' meeting at 4:30 PM. Coach Matina stayed with the kids at the hotel and cooked the dinner. We had grilled and baked chicken with salad. The other coaches helped distribute the food to the team.



June 18 – Wednesday

First day of competition. Opening ceremony started at 8:45 AM and the matches started at 9:30 AM. 13u played against WA, lost 0-3. The highlight of this day was Marius' match. He had a very close match and he really step up his game. I think it was a very good experience for him and it showed what he can do on the court. Unfortunately, he fell short despite being up and two points away from winning the match. After the matches, we waited a bit for our Integrity session and headed back to



the hotel. For dinner, Coach Lorraine cooked the rice while I ordered food from the Chinese restaurant nearby. We went to the grocery store to buy more fruits and breakfast items.

June 19 – Thursday

2nd day of competition. 13u boys played NT, won 3-0. Camelo and Marius took a while to find their groove in the first set during their singles, but was able to dominate on the second set. The doubles with Camelo and Ryan was good. Although the two weren't really communicating with each other,



they were able to work it out and get the win. We ate lunch at the venue, then played second match against NZ where we lost 1-2. Camelo had a difficult time on his match. He was thinking too much on where his opponent will be resulting on over hitting. He did try to go out of his comfort zone and tried new things which was great because we were able to discuss about it later on and that match really showed what he needs to work on. Marius' match was a roller coaster. He started really well on that very first game. Just what we talked about before his match. He lost the second game and that's when it went downhill for him. I had to distract him from what he was thinking and just constantly reminded him to keep fighting. And he did and won it on the super tie on the third. Despite Marius just came from a long match, I put him on doubles with Ryan because Camelo wasn't in good shape, mentally, after his loss. The two played well and communicated pretty good. Ryan started off well and when the other team started going more for him, he became more hesitant and made more mistakes. It was a good match and a good fight from the both of them though. The match finished late, so we went across the street to Red Rooster for dinner. We arrived back at the hotel at 9:30 PM.



June 20 – Friday

3rd day of competition. 13U boys had a bye. I had the boys sleep in a bit and arrived at the courts around 10:30 AM to watch and support the other teams. The boys watched the matches and enjoyed the driving range then ate lunch at the venue. U13 girls played in the afternoon. Afterwards, we headed back to the hotel. The coaches went to the grocery store to get ingredients for dinner and cooked baked pasta for the team.



June 21 – Saturday

Dropped the U11 girls and boys to venue. Came back around 9 am with the rest of the team. The morning matches were delayed because of rain. The tournament officials decided to abandon all the matches for this day. The team ate lunch at the venue and the kids played mini gold and the driving range. Then, we headed back to the hotel. We had leftover pasta and ordered pizza for dinner.

June 22 – Sunday



I woke up at 4:50 AM and left for Nerang train station with Coach Matina at 5:00 AM. I dropped her off at the train station to pick up Kevin at Brisbane airport. I drove the teams to the venue at 6:50

AM, but unfortunately the matches were pushed back due to the rain. We were able to start the matches around 10:30 AM. We played versus Queensland at lost 2-0. The officials decided not to play doubles if it's a dead tie to catch up with all the matches. We played our next match versus ACT around 6:20 PM and lost 0-2. The highlight of the day was Ryan's match. He was playing aggressively and was moving really well on that match. It was like watching a different person on court. It was great to see that side of him and showed me what he can really do on the court. Despite, the loss, I think this was a win for Ryan. Coach Abby and Mia arrived at this day and watched some of our matches. The 11u boys and 13u girls were able to go back to the hotel around 7:30 PM. Coach Abby was nice enough to cook the dinner for us. My group and the 11u girls went back to the hotel at 8:20 PM.

June 23 – Monday

It was a rainy day. The officials pushed back the matches to 11:00 AM. Everyone went to the venue at 10:30 AM. The team ate lunch at the venue. The officials decided to abandon all the matches because of the rain. We made the kids stay for an hour and a half for mini golf and the driving range. Afterwards, we decided to take the kids to the mall for the last day. We ended up eating dinner at the mall as well, as a treat for the kids. We headed back to hotel at around 6:30 PM.



Travel (Return)

June 24 – Tuesday

Camelo, Faith, and I, along with Coach Lorraine and Alex left Ashmore Palms at 6:00 AM to go to Brisbane airport. Our flight back to Guam via Manila departed at 11:15 AM. We had a 5-hour layover at Manila airport where we ate dinner. Our final flight to Guam was at 10:30 PM.

June 25 - Wednesday

We arrived at Guam airport at 4:30 AM. Camelo and Faith's parents picked them up from the airport to return to their respective homes.

RESULTS

Court	Teams Sproule Stephens Cup - 13/u			9:00 AM	
Crt 16	Western Australia [4]	- Pacific Oceania		Wed 18/06/2025	3-0
BS1	1 Marc Sutisna	- Marius Richard			4-6 7-6(2) 1-0(8)
BS2	2 Knox Treasure	- Ryan Chansin			6-0 6-0
BD	3 Lucas Sirbu	- Camelo Jj Chen			6-1 6-1
	Knox Treasure	Marius Richard			

Court	Teams Sproule Stephens Cup - 13/u			9:00 AM	
Crt 10	Northern Territory	- Pacific Oceania		Thu 19/06/2025	0-3
BS1	1 Ethan Harker	- Camelo Jj Chen			3-6 0-6
BS2	2 Roy Vo	- Marius Richard			4-6 1-6
BD	3 Ethan Harker	- Ryan Chansin			1-6 3-6
	Rafael Prete	Camelo Jj Chen			

Court	Teams Sproule Stephens Cup - 13/u			2:00 PM	
Crt 11	New Zealand	- Pacific Oceania		Thu 19/06/2025	2-1
BS1	1 Lukas Necas	- Camelo Jj Chen			6-2 6-0
BS2	2 Juan Lee	- Marius Richard			6-2 4-6 0-1(7)
BD	3 Lukas Necas	- Ryan Chansin			6-3 6-4
	Hunter Pang	Marius Richard			

Court	Teams Sproule Stephens Cup - 13/u			11:00 AM	
Crt 14	Queensland [2]	- Pacific Oceania		Sun 22/06/2025	2-0
BS1	1 Christian Joseph	- Camelo Jj Chen			6-0 6-0
BS2	2 Ryan Bolger	- Marius Richard			6-3 6-0
BD	3 Zayd Joosab	- Ryan Chansin			
	Christian Joseph	Camelo Jj Chen			

Court	Teams Sproule Stephens Cup - 13/u			4:30 PM	
Crt 17	Australian Capital Territory	- Pacific Oceania		Sun 22/06/2025	2-0
BS1	1 Tommy Camus	- Camelo Jj Chen			4-1 4-0
BS2	2 Dave Gandhi	- Ryan Chansin			4-0 4-1
BD	3 Tommy Camus	- Ryan Chansin			Not Played
	Mitchell Rankin	Marius Richard			

FINAL STANDING

13/u Boys – Sproule Stephens Trophy	
T1. Victoria	
Queensland	
T3. New South Wales	
New Zealand	
T5. Western Australia	
ACT	
T7. Pacific Oceania	
South Australia	
9. Tasmania	
10. Northern Territory	

Expenses

Funds received: USD\$3,500 (5,567.93 AUD)

Total Expenses: USD\$2,001.84

Remaining funds: USD\$1,498.16

Funds handed over to Coach Abigail Tere-Apisah: USD\$1,400 (2,181.73 AUD)

Most of the funds had been used for the team's meals, specifically for dinner and the grocery runs which included breakfast items, water, and fruits. Lunch was provided at the venue except for the first two days we were at Gold Coast, so we had to allocate a budget for those meals as well.

The prime expense of USD\$527.14 had been for the rental car which we were utilizing to travel from Ashmore Palms to KDV Sport each day. An extension fee of USD\$209.15 had been paid for Coach Matina and USD\$119.22 was for the train ride. Another USD\$72.31 had been used for airport transfer when I picked up Marius from Brisbane airport.

The rest of the minor expenses were for uber rides (on the first day, before we pick up the rental car) and additional snacks. The remaining funds were handed over to Coach Abby for the U16 teams, with USD\$98.16 left with me.

Conclusion

The event itself went well. With the level of players being high, it was good for the kids to be in this kind of environment. The kids learned a lot from this competition and gained so much from their matches, and even just by watching other players play. It gave them the opportunity to grow on court and work on things beyond the court like being more responsible and independent. The camp had been helpful for the kids and the coaches. I, for one, learned a lot from Coach Emily as she had been very helpful throughout the tour. The coaches were approachable and easy to talk to. However, one thing that I struggled with in this tour was the lack of communication. Some important information had not been effectively communicated to me by the coaches. There had also been a lack of initiative. I felt like most of the tasks could have been better divided among the coaches. Instead, I had to run around often trying to find and get the kids together; supervision of other coaches was necessary. Here, we have room for improvement which will hopefully be filled in the future. Personally, I have learned many things during the tour. One takeaway is to always ask when unsure. Another is to take my time, think beyond what is expected, and consider all possibilities to avoid issues. These are the aspects I will surely improve and bring to future tours. Moreover, the 30+ hour total travel time was quite a struggle as it didn't allow for a breather as soon as we arrived at the accommodation, with many things to do the following day.

Overall, I truly learned so much and I am very grateful for this opportunity. I am hoping for more opportunities like this as it helped me to grow as a coach. I enjoyed the challenge of learning how to deal with different kinds of situations. I would like to thank Isabelle and Coach Emily for the support and helping out the PO team especially the girls' team and the coaches. Ms. Vicky for being there and supporting Team PO. And lastly, the GNTE, OTE, ITE, and Tennis Australia for this wonderful opportunity for all coaches and kids, especially in the Pacific Oceania region.

With thanks,

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